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Dr. J. B. Martin, Pres.,
Negro American League,
Bankers State Bank Bldg.,
412 E. 47th Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Martin:

Since receiving your letter, it seems as though V-E Day and the end of the war on the continent will very definitely make some changes possible in the East-West game situation. From where I sit now and from the sports attitude which the daily papers are taking, it does not appear that there will be any serious objection to the two leagues playing their annual game.

If the game is played, that, of course, means that the committee which was named in New York at the January meeting should function. There is a difference of opinion in the minds of these men as to what their duties are to consist of. I am suggesting that at the time of your annual meeting early in June that these men submit a report which they have worked out. If the other members of the league place the same interpretation on the duties of this committee as you do, then you can act on the report in accordance with their wishes.

If, however, (and practically every owner to whom I have talked insists that your interpretation is wrong) they feel that the function of this committee is to recommend the necessary overall changes to put the game on a more business-like basis, then they also can act on the recommendation we will propose.

Very truly yours,

William G. Nunn, Managing Editor
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